

WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman Dennis Drake at 4:00 p.m. on September 6, 2011, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman Dennis Drake, Commissioner Alan D. Gardner, Commissioner James J. Eardley, Washington County Administrator Dean J. Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Christine Hall.

The Spectrum was not represented at the meeting.

Commissioner Gardner led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for August 17, 2011, through September 6, 2011
- Consideration of Approval of Regular Commission Meeting Minutes of August 2, 2011, and August 16, 2011
- Consideration of Approval of Application for Settlement or Deferral of Property Taxes:
- Consideration of Approval of Applications for Property Tax Abatement:
Daniel Atwood, S/N AV-AVR-1-20; Olivia Auston, S/N SG-GS-10-34; Roger & Barbara Bangerter, S/N 1-GAS-1-11; Jeffrey Bettuzzi, S/N W-PVE-6-131; Louis Capasso, S/N HCANR-2B-59; Gus Carras, S/N H-ELME-3 RD; Bonnie Chamberlain, S/N SG-TTE-C-11; Doyle Charter, S/N W-CME-A-1-24; Sherri Dominguez, S/N SG-SURE-4-67; Betty Douglas, S/N SG-SPTH-5-66; Charlotte Downard, S/N V-71-A-1-B; Margie Evans, S/N T-3-1-2-1431; Peter Graziano, S/N H-SMGE-9-201-RD2; Jim Godfrey/Sunglow, S/N H-3-1-33-3211; Leon Hamilton, S/N H-SRTH-E-18-RD; Susan Hansen, S/N H-3-1-33-1229; Elmer and Glenna Hofmeister, S/N SG-WSO-7; Mark Houmard, S/N SG-SUR-24-1588; Evon Hunt, S/N I-ISMH-23; Francine Jackson, S/N SG-SFRC-3-82; Tim & Barbara King, Account No. 0453327; Arlene & Ronald Lamp, S/N LV-CVV-27; James Parr, S/N SG-FOX-2-52; Ronald Parr, S/N SG-CTE-7-121; Anita Ryder, S/N T-3-1-2-1434; Duane Salmonson, S/N SG-MCC-4-41; Nicole Sapp, S/N SG-

- CNT-5; Dean & Beatriz Schmidt, S/N H-262-B-1-C; Sylvester & Jeanne Szczepanski, S/N H-SCAN-1-111; Gordon Weinheimer, S/N I-CC2-3-64
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (attached)
 - Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (attached)
 - Consideration of Ratification of Contract between Washington County and the State of Utah Indigent Defense Trust Funds for the Capital Defense of Richard Andrew Jones
 - Consideration of Approval of Interlocal Agreement between the City of St. George and Washington County / 2011 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award
 - Consideration of Approval of Law Enforcement Agreement between the Washington County Sheriff's Office and the USDA, Forest Service, Dixie National Forest
 - Acknowledgment of Publishing: Ordinance No. 2011-1012-O on Saturday, August 20, 2011

Actions of the Washington County Planning Commission Meeting / None

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Approve the Consent Agenda, with the Exception of the Following Applications for Property Tax Abatement, which are denied:

**Jeffrey Bettuzzi, Serial Number W-PVE-6-131
Jim Godfrey, Serial Number H-3-1-33-3211
Peter Graziano, Serial Number H-SMGE-9-201-RD2
Elmer Hofmeister, Serial Number SG-WSD-7
Anita Ryder, Serial Number T-3-1-2-1434
Duane Salmonson, Serial Number SG-MCC-4-41
Nicole Sapp, Serial Number SG-CNT-5
Gordon Weinheimer, Serial Number I-CC2-3-64**

Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH / CAROL HOLLOWELL

Volunteer Center Director Carol Hollowell said that there are nearly eighteen thousand (18,000) veterans in Washington County. In observation of the National Day of Service (in conjunction with the national remembrance of September 11), the Volunteer Center collected items all summer: thousands of pounds of food, school supplies, and other valuable goods to be distributed to the homeless. Ms. Hollowell introduced Karen Garrett,

who is the project manager for the Humanitarian Group at Sun River, which was an integral part of the homeless project. Sun River alone collected over a thousand pounds of food and hundreds of school supplies that were donated to the homeless children.

Mr. Garrett said that they did this for two straight months, and the Sun River community responded in a big way. The Commission expressed its gratitude for all of the volunteers, throughout the County.

PURCHASE REQUESTS/ Mark Blanch

Dixie Center, kitchen equipment	\$ 61,476.50
Emergency Services:	
Reimburse Beaver County, Communication Improvements	\$124,909.38
Trenching/Shoring Kits	\$ 47,176.00
Trailers	\$ 11,580.00
Reimburse St. George City, 2009 SHSP-Project 1	\$ 21,698.94

Commissioner Eardley asked for an explanation of the trenching/shoring kits, and County Administrator Dean Cox said they are used for urban search and rescue capability so that if a building or trench collapses, those teams can respond appropriately.

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Purchase Requests, as presented. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-1585, A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE FEES FOR SERVICES FOR THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Table Resolution No. R-2011-1585, A Resolution Amending the Fees for Services for the Washington County Sheriff's Office. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2011-1586, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN HOLBROOK ASPHALT CO. AND WASHINGTON COUNTY FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TYPE ONE SLURRY SEAL TO THE PARKING LOT OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Chairman Drake said that this project went out to bid. The low bidder was Holbrook Asphalt Company, at a cost of twenty-one thousand, nine hundred and seventy-one dollars and fifty four cents (\$21,971.54). Mr. Cox said that the job should be completed on or about September 21, 2011, depending upon weather conditions.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2011-1586, A Resolution Approving The Execution Of An Agreement Between Holbrook Asphalt Co. And Washington County For The Installation of a Type-One Slurry Seal to the Parking Lot of the Washington County Administration Building. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF REVISION TO WASHINGTON COUNTY POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL: F. PERSONAL TIME OFF

This revision contains a very slight correction to the Personal Time Off (PTO) buy-back policy for Washington County employees.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eardley to Approve the Revision to Washington County Policy and Procedures Manual: F, Personal Time Off. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF APPROVAL OF REVISION TO WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE POLICY MANUAL: VOLUME CA/ ORGANIZATION AND STAFF MANAGEMENT, CHAPTER 2: STAFFING

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Strike Consideration of the Revision to Washington County Sheriff's Office Policy Manual: Volume CA / Organization and Staff Management, Chapter 2: Staffing. Motion seconded by Commissioner Eardley and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Drake, Eardley, and Gardner voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Gardner said that a public hearing concerning the withdrawal of uranium mining on the Arizona Strip is scheduled for Wednesday, September 7th, at 10:00 a.m. in this building. Secretary Salazar is attempting to eliminate this mining, and various counties are in opposition because of the economic impact and also because uranium mining does not, in fact, negatively impact the environment, as claimed by many

environmentalists. The Arizona Strip of Southern Utah and Northern Arizona contains roughly forty percent (40%) of the uranium in the United States, and is a higher grade than any other deposits. The concentrated pockets are easily mined with no environmental damage, are easily reclaimed, and represent approximately four thousand (4,000) jobs to this area.

Additionally, Commissioner Gardner will be flying to Washington, D.C. the week of September 12th along with over twenty (20) other commissioners from counties across the country to lobby for continued Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) money from the federal government. This money is intended to subsidize counties who have extensive federal land holdings, for which property taxes are not collected. In Washington County, roughly eighty-seven percent (87%) of the County land is federally owned. The Washington, D.C. trip is funded largely by the National Association of Counties (NACo). PILT money is a significant source of revenue for Washington County, bringing in approximately two and one half million dollars (\$2,500,000) per year.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

No items were presented today.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS

Administrator Dean Cox said that the Courthouse Plaza project is nearing its completion. Cubicles were delivered today, most of the carpet is laid, and the building should be ready for occupancy in approximately three (3) weeks.

Request a Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:29 p.m.

CHRISTINE S. HALL
DEPUTY CLERK

DENNIS DRAKE
CHAIRMAN